

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORTInternational application No.
PCT/CA2004/001438**Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons :

- 1 ☐ Claims Nos. :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
- 2 ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically :
- 3 ☐ Claims Nos. :
because they are dependant claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule

Box III Observation where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows :

Group I: Claims 1-34 and 41-56.

Group II: Claims 35 to 40.

- 1 ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
- 2 ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
- 3 ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos. :
- 4 ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos. : 1-34 and 41-56

Remark on Protest ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

G08B-13/14, H01Q-13/20

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) IPC v7: G08B, H01Q, US classes: 340/566, 340/552, 340/564, 340/565

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base, and, where practicable, search terms used)
Canadian Patent Database, USPTO West, Pluspat, Inspec. Keywords: intrusion, coaxial, reflection, leaky, quadrature, reflectometry, codirectional

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
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| Y | US5446446 (Harman) 29 August 1995 (29-08-1995), col. 4, line 59 to col. 7, line 53; col. 9, lines 13-47; Fig. 2 | 41, 44, 46, 47 |
| Y | US6577236 (Harman) 10 June 2003 (10-06-2003), col. 3, lines 33-67; col. 4, line 60 to col. 6, line 30; col. 8, line 58 to col. 9, line 3; col. 10, lines 47-48; col. 11, lines 8-32; Fig. 2. | 48, 53 |
| A | US4091367 (Harman) 23 May 1978 (23-05-1978), entire document | 1-34, 41-56 |
| A | CA1169939 (Harman et al.) 26 June 1984 (26-06-1984), entire document | 1-34, 41-56 |

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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| | | CA 1014245 A1 | 19-07-1977 |
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